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## COMMUNITY



Courtesy Photos

Laurie Partlow, who lost her life in a Bondsville fire last week. A memorial will be held for her at the Gin Mill in Bondsville June 5.

## Residents, businesses band together to help couple after tragic fire

By Jonah Snowden  
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BONDSVILLE – The community is rallying around a local couple who lost their home in a fire that also claimed the life of another resident about 10 days ago.

The three lived on different sides of the Maple Street duplex but were more than neighbors. Laurie Partlow, who lived on one side, died in the fire investigators said was started by a discarded cigarette butt. Olivia Barber and Kyle Smith, who lived on the other side, lost their home and most of their possessions to smoke and water damage. Barber, who called in the fire

early on May 24, was able to save the couple's dog. Smith is a Bondsville firefighter who wasn't at home when the fire broke out and joined the effort to save the duplex once he arrived.

Though not technically related, Smith and Partlow were like family, according to friends, who explained Partlow's son and Smith are half-brothers.

After hearing about the tragedy, Lori Chiacchia, who created Santa's Elves of Palmer and Demore's Automotive co-owner Jay Demore, both dedicated to helping those in need, decided to come together to assist Barber and Smith while they

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## MEMORIAL DAY

## HONORING THE FALLEN



Photo special by Sam Smiley

PALMER — It was unseasonably cool and damp Monday after a stormy weekend, but that didn't stop residents from lining Thorndike Street for the town's first Memorial Day parade since 2019. After the parade, residents and officials gathered outside Converse Middle School for a somber program. Shown here, a veteran salutes the American flag during the ceremony. See more photos on page 12.

## No parade, but plenty of reverence for war dead in Brimfield

By Jonah Snowden  
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BRIMFIELD – A stormy weekend washed out a parade planned in honor of the town's war dead, but Memorial Day was commemorated just the same inside the Great Hall as residents and officials came together for a program that honored living veterans as well.

After moderator and Air Force veteran Dennis McCurdy, who served in Vietnam, commenced the ceremony, veterans Jim Adams, Robert Corry, Phil Carpenter, Peter Poitra, Francis Langvein, and Joe Ballou were escorted to reserved seats by members of Girl Scouts Troop 64560.

During the ceremony, Mike DeFalco of the Brimfield Historical Committee, state Sen. Anne Gobi (D-Spencer) and state Rep. Todd Smola (R-Warren) delivered remarks in which they paid their respects to local service members who gave their lives in service to the country. Pastor Jim Fontaine of Friendship Baptist Church led the audience in the invocation and ben-



Turley Publications staff photos by Jonah Snowden

Friendship Baptist Church Pastor Jim Fontaine delivers remarks during Brimfield's Memorial Day commemoration.

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## 2011 TORNADO

## Residents reflect on 'strange, scary' day when twister hit 10 years ago



Turley Publications staff photos by Jonah Snowden

Rebecca Roncarati with her daughters Bianca and Gabrielle Roncarti.

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MONSON – On June 1, residents and supporters came together to commemorate the 10-year anniversary of the 2011 EF-3 tornado which swept through parts of Western Mass., leaving unimaginable destruction in its wake including in this town.

The crowd gathered in front of First Church of Monson, where Rev. Peter Johnston, Karen King,

Lisa Borlen, Suzanne Kelley and Michael and Geri Laferriere delivered speeches reflecting on the devastation as well as the support the town received while recovering. Monson Fire Chief Brian Harris and Monson Police Chief Stephen Kozloski were also present during the commemoration. Each received a brick which will go into the memorial garden that will be built where church's steeple fell during the tornado.

Anyone who wants to purchase a brick can go to office12806.wixsite.com/mysite.

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## TOWN GOVERNMENT

## Election Day is next week for several local towns

REGION — Voters go to the polls soon to decide several contested offices in local towns. In Brimfield, the four candidates for the Board of Selectman in the June 21 Town Election will share their views on leading the town at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 10 in the Great Hall in Town Hall. Residents will be able to view the program live on Brimfield Government Access TV Channel 192 or online at brimfield.tv by selecting the Watch Live page.

The candidates running for two open seats on the five-member Select Board are Carolyn Haley and Martin Kelly, Pat Leaming, and Billie Jean Petrie Rubio.

The two top vote-getters will serve three-year terms. The candidates will answer questions

submitted by residents via email as well as those posed by moderator Bob Datz, Brimfield Public Access Coordinator. The public is welcome to attend, however space will be limited due to any restrictions still in place by the Board of Health.

Questions may be submitted to publicaccess@brimfieldma.org no later than noon June 10 for consideration. They should be designed to be answered by all candidates and similar questions received may be combined.

The forum is presented by Town Clerk Bob Sullivan and Brimfield Public Access TV. Polling hours for the 15 town offices on the ballot are noon to 8 p.m. on June 21.

Here is a list of other annual town elections coming up:

## HOLLAND

Voting is June 8 to decide the following offices\*:

## Select board (three-year term):

Kyle Merolla  
James Whalen

## Board of Health (three-year term):

David Kowalski (seeing re-election)  
Brock Jenkins

## Planning Board (five-year term)

Janice Brigham  
Kyle Merolla

## MONSON

The following candidates will appear on the ballot\* for the Annual Town Election, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. June 8 at Memorial Hall, 198 Main Street:

In-person early voting ended June 3. Vote by mail ballots must be received by the close of polls on June 8.

For inquiries contact the Monson town clerk's office at: 413-267-4115 or email townclerk@monson-ma.gov.

The candidates are:

## Select Board:

Jessica L. Allen  
Karen Nothe-Valley  
Patricia Oney

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## New exhibit 'bears witness to this often-hidden crime'

PALMER — The Palmer public library, which recently fully reopened after pandemic restrictions, is hosting a thematically disturbing, but important, exhibit of posters during the month June.

Disturbing in the sense that the theme is about violence directed against women. This exhibit does not display graphic images of violence, but rather informs us through creative graphic art, that the violence is not only prevalent, it is international, and its source is frequently from the spouse, partner, or boyfriend of the victim.

This violence also often translates to violence against law enforcement personnel who respond to calls of domestic violence. A police officer on Cape Cod was killed a couple of years ago by a man who had been a perpetrator of domestic violence. This exhibition bears witness to this often-hidden crime.

Renee Graham points out in her column from a recent year in the Boston Globe, that "a majority of mass shooters have a history of domestic violence."

These posters come from the collection of Stephen Lewis, who has exhibited interesting poster displays at many libraries in past years, including at the Palmer library. His Stop Violence Against Women is one of several themed exhibits he shows, that depict issues of social justice.

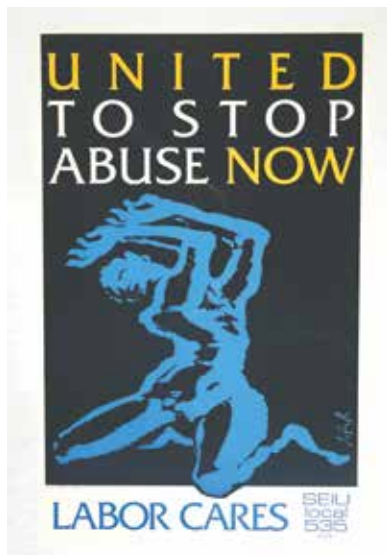
"History has shown that women who have been a victim of domestic violence are hesitant to report it or seek help because she may think it won't happen again, or that the batterer apologizes, or because there is a child involved, or because the batterer is the bread winner, or because the victim is in love, and other reasons," Lewis said.

"Unfortunately, history has shown over and over that the situation does not improve."

The posters in the exhibit are

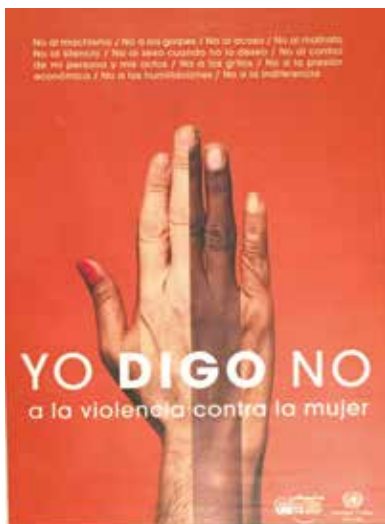


Courtesy photos  
This poster from the Stephen Lewis collection is from France.



A union-sponsored poster in the collection of Stephen Lewis depicts the emotional weight of violence women face.

from several countries. Violence against women is not confined to domestic violence. Some societies practice genital mutilation of women, some cultures practice honor killings and the list goes on.



With text in Spanish, this poster designed to provoke thought at the Palmer Library shows violence against women is an international problem.

The breadth of this exhibit bears witness, to how widespread violence against women is. Lewis hopes people who view this exhibit will want to obtain more information about the causes of this violence, how to help prevent it, what their community can do, and what resources are available.

The posters are meant to inform, document and move to action. Lewis has been collecting posters for the past 20 years and bringing them to the public through exhibits like this, for the past 15 years. He has exhibited at many public libraries around the state. This is his seventh exhibit at the library. He estimates having over 9,000 posters in his collection. For more information, Lewis can be contacted at Lewisposters@gmail.com.

This project is supported in part by a grant from the Palmer Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, and by Painters DC 35 and Bricklayers Local 3.

## Residents asked to participate in planning survey

PALMER — The Palmer Master Plan Steering Committee would like to ask everyone to please help one more time with its final survey.

As we they are close to finalizing the Master Plan, the second survey seeks to obtain community feedback on the draft actions crafted and approved by the Master Plan Steering Committee. An exception to this condition are the draft Actions for Public Health, which have been prepared by the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission but have not yet been reviewed and approved by the Steering committee.

The draft actions presented in this survey represent the culmination of what the Master Plan Steering Committee has heard from the public and other stakeholders throughout the planning process for the Master Plan —including, but not limited to, from the first public survey and several topic-based public meetings.

The committee thanks you in advance for taking the time to fill out this important survey. They ask that you complete this survey to the greatest extent possible. You may find it helpful to have the full list of draft actions, which contains sub-actions and relevant considerations, available for your reference as you take the survey.

You can download this full list at [tinyurl.com/PalmerMPGoals-Actions](https://tinyurl.com/PalmerMPGoals-Actions).

If submitting a hardcopy, please return it by this date to the Town of Palmer Planning Department, c/o Linda Leduc at 4417 Main Street, Palmer, MA 01069 or deposit it into the Town Clerk's drop box located on the east side of the town hall building also at 4417 Main St.

If you have any questions, contact Leduc at 413-283-2605 or [lleduc@townofpalmer.com](mailto:lleduc@townofpalmer.com).

The survey can be accessed from [palmermasterplan.com](https://palmermasterplan.com) or [tinyurl.com/PalmerMPPublicSurvey2](https://tinyurl.com/PalmerMPPublicSurvey2).

## Sweet '71 Ludlow High 50th class reunion

The Ludlow High School Class of 1971 will be celebrating its 50th class reunion this fall and is welcoming Ludlow High alumni of that year to attend. Classmates can attend one, two, or all three days of this weekend celebration, all happening in Ludlow:

Friday, Sept. 10, 2021 – Drinks and Snacks at the Iron Duke  
Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021 – Dinner at the Villa Rose (with DJ Max Salvador)  
Sunday, Sept. 12, 2021 – Cookout at the Ludlow Fish and Game Club

The reunion committee has mailed 263 save the date cards. Classmates who did not receive a card can send a current mailing address and email address to [sweet71lhs@gmail.com](mailto:sweet71lhs@gmail.com)

The class also posts information on a closed Facebook group: Classmates – Sweet '71.

You must already be a Facebook member to join. Send a request to join the group page to Claire Vershon Wales also at [sweet71lhs@gmail.com](mailto:sweet71lhs@gmail.com).

### Congratulations

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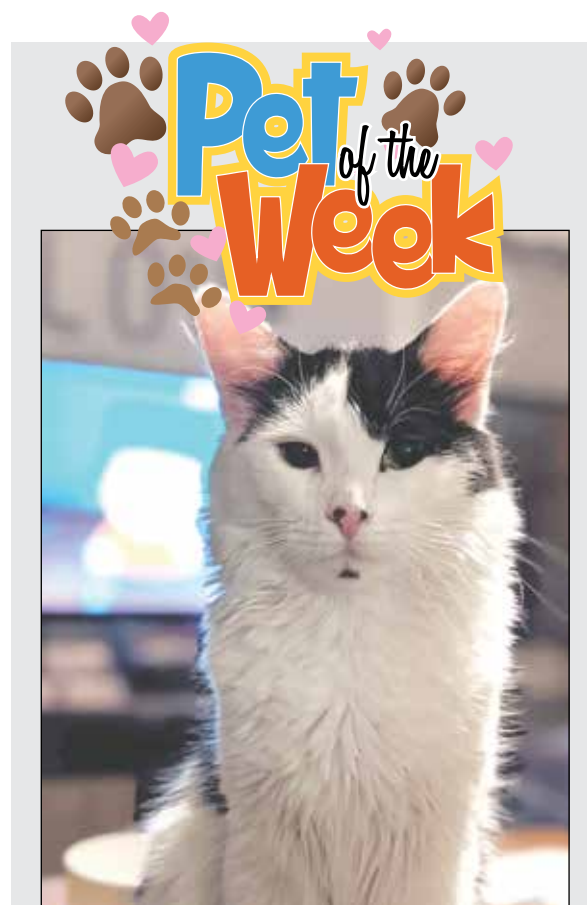
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### ATLAS

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"He loves water, cardboard and kneads and suckles himself to sleep multiple times a day. He does not like the sound of harmonicas or bagpipes and will wake up from a nap if they are featured in a show or song. He's our local paw patrol keeping the roofs safe one bird at a time."

Which animals make your life special? We feature your pets every week here and on Facebook. All animals welcome! Is there a pet you're fostering and trying to re-home? Email a high-resolution jpg of your pet with a little information to [mharrison@turley.com](mailto:mharrison@turley.com).

## ELECTION | from page 1

### Board Of Assessors:

Allan Curtis  
Christopher Haley

### School Committee

(three-year term) vote for two:  
Emily Graves-Harrison  
Jeffrey Lord  
Gennie Bailey  
Alison Morgan

### PALMER

The annual town election is scheduled to take place 10 a.m.-8 p.m. June 8.

The candidates are:

- Lorinda Baker, seeking re-election for a seat in the Palmer Town Council.
- Norman Czech, seeking re-election for the Palmer Planning board.
- Barber A. Barry, seeking re-election as the District 2 Councilor.
- Anthony Braden, seeking election for the Palmer School Committee.
- Karl Williams, seeking re-election as the District 3 councilor.

For more information on the town election, call the clerk's office at 413-283-2608.

\* Several other candidates appear on the ballot unopposed for office, though write-in votes are allowed.

## DEADLINE

The Journal Register has changed its firm deadline for public submissions to Mondays. To get your submission in for that week's edition, email Editor at [mharrison@turley.com](mailto:mharrison@turley.com) or call the office at 413-283-8393 by noon on Mondays. We appreciate the cooperation of our readers.

### Corrections

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## Baystate Mary Lane Satellite Emergency Facility Update

**As of June 3, 2021, the Baystate Mary Lane Satellite Emergency Facility will close.**

All future emergency department services in the Baystate Health Eastern Region will be provided at **Baystate Wing Hospital**, located at 40 Wright Street in Palmer.

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*Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.*

### RECREATION SURVEY

## Palmer wants your feedback to help plan for future

PALMER — The Town of Palmer is preparing to update the Open Space and Recreation Plan for the years 2021-2028.

As part of this effort, the Palmer Open Space and Recreation Plan Advisory Committee has developed a questionnaire to enable the public to provide valuable input about their park and open space use and preferences.

Public input is an important aspect of the Plan. The Town needs this input to update its open space and recreation plan, a document required to qualify for state and federal funding and expansion projects.

In 2006 and 2014, the town updated the plan which drove substantial improvements in town parks, conservation lands and open space acquisitions. The newly updated Palmer Recreation and Open Space Plan will direct the next phase of open space enhancements and recreation activities for the citizens living in Palmer. The Open Space and Recreation Plan will look at all public open space, regardless of ownership, including parks, playgrounds, wildlife corridors, bikeways, trails, water resources, and recreational programming.

The Plan will also look at Town residents to understand demographic and socio economic trends which impact the use of open space.

You can take the survey at [surveymonkey.com/r/Palmer\\_OS RP\\_Survey](https://surveymonkey.com/r/Palmer_OS RP_Survey) or for a paper version, go to the Palmer Town Administrative Building, 4417 Main Street

Palmer Public Library, 1455 North Main Street or these other locations: The Yellow House, 1479 North Main Street; Palmer Post Office, 1057 Park Street; Thorndike Post Office, 36 Church Street; Three Rivers Post Office, 2020 Bridge Street; Bondsville Post Office, 3069 Main Street; Palmer Senior Center, 1029 Central Street.

Anyone who has questions or wants more information can call Sarah Fortune, conservation agent, at 413-283-2611.



Turley Publications staff photos by Jonah Snowden  
On Tuesday, June 1, residents came together in Monson to celebrate the 10-year anniversary of the EF-3 2011 tornado.



Rev. Peter Johnston of First Church of Monson.



Karen King speaks during the commemoration.



Monson Fire Chief Brian Harris and Monson Police Chief Stephen Kozloski were present to receive two honorary bricks intended for the upcoming Memorial Garden that will be built where the steeple at the First Church of Monson fell during the 2011 Tornado.



Erin Greene-Wallace sings "Amazing Grace" during the program.

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Before the commemoration, residents and attendees offered their reflections on the travesty and explained the importance attending the event:

#### Rebecca Roncarati

"We didn't actually know it was coming towards the town," Roncarati said.

"I saw it across the Connecticut River in Springfield on the news. We never imagined it was actually headed this way. We actually were in the direct path and lost our home completely. The three of us (herself and her daughters Bianca and Gabrielle Roncarati) went to the basement. We saw the sky go pitch black and all the trees in the backyard fell flat, so I had them run to the bottom of the stairs and throw myself on top of them and within a minute, the house was gone.

"I think it's not only important for people to pay their respects to people who lost their homes, but to celebrate how we all came together as a commu-

nity and helped one another out. Those that were not affected, were still affected. It might not have been their home, but their hearts were affected."

#### Sheri Linn

"It was a strange day. I was planning on having a Girl Scout meeting at my house down the street at the time with my oldest daughter," Linn said.

"One by one, the girls called and said they were not coming because their parents were worried about the weather. The tornado hit and we did not have anything at all in our property. I managed to get down here, where steeple had fallen and the road was on fire."



#### Jamie Farnum

"I lived up on High Street and I remember my uncle actually worked for the dispatch in Monson, my mom worked at Rite Aid downtown and my sister worked at a preschool in town," Farnum said.

"Everyone is in town and it was a really nerve wracking day. After it happened, the cellphone service went down and I was just trying to figure out my family was safe. Learning about the damage that was done was pretty terrifying, but then finally connecting to my family and finding out everyone was safe was relieving. It was a really bizarre unique situation that no one was expecting. It's important to touch back on the time, where it was really tough, but everyone was able to come together. I think that's important."



#### Aaron Skillman

"It was scary, because I remember I was at my apartment in Newtown and got a call from my dad (William Skillman), who was with my mom (Wendy Skillman) followed by those four or five hours where we did not hear anything back from them," Skillman said.

"Everything turned out to be OK, but for the time it was scary. I think it is important to remember how strong Monson can come together as a community. As long as I have been here, I can say there's really a tight knit community here in Monson. I think that's a positive thing."



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### POSITION AVAILABLE

TFL is seeking a **Director of Adult Literacy/Operations Officer** who is passionate about helping adult learners meet their educational goals. The successful candidate will work closely with TFL's Board of Trustees, tutors, students, volunteers, and community businesses/organizations of the Quaboag Hills region and surrounding areas. General responsibilities will include: • Recruiting, matching, and training volunteer tutors. • Organizing and administering all programs of adult instruction, such as ESL, Reading, Writing, Math, HiSET, Computer Skills, and many more! • Being aware of community educational needs and interests. • Providing educational guidance to assist adult learners in meeting their educational goals. • Coordinating fundraising and promotional efforts with a team of volunteers. This position requires 20-30 hours per week and is a year-round position. Interested candidates should send their resumes to [topfloorlearningpalmer@gmail.com](mailto:topfloorlearningpalmer@gmail.com).

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Viewpoints

GUEST OPINION

State of the schools in Palmer: ‘From A to Z, an efficient, heroic job’

The following is the State of Palmer Schools address Superintendent Patricia Gardner delivered at a recent School Committee meeting:

By Patricia Gardner

As I conclude the end of nearly six years that I’ve been superintendent in Palmer Schools, I am astonished at both the work and the different vehicles that we were forced to use to ensure that learning continued to take place during the past calendar. In many ways, I feel like this year actually started on March 13, 2020. The entire administrative team, including principals, assistant principals, the business manager, the director of student services, the director of transportation, the direction of maintenance, our nurse leader, Palmer Teacher’s Association leadership, and the entire custodial staff really have had worked through the enormity of the pandemic with little if any down time to speak of. While I speak of no down-time, we cannot forget the momentous task of our cafeteria works. They have selflessly and with little regard to their personal safety, kept the children of our town fed. I do not note any of this as a complaint but rather as the reality that we were dealt, that we accepted and that we have striven to excel in. In my five previous state of the schools’ updates, I have always provided much more data-driven information to assure you that the schools are still on the right track. I assure you that we are; however, over the course of the last few months, we had to switch to a platform where nimble decision making was imperative. We often learned of Governor Baker’s initiatives, new guidance, and restrictions only moments before they were presented to the public.

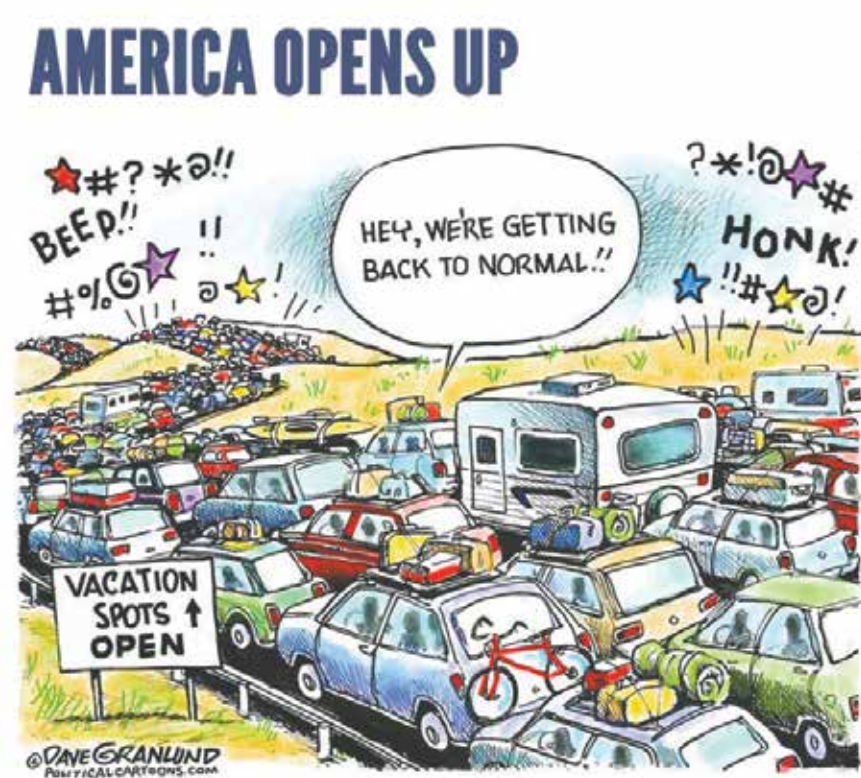
While I do not like disparaging anyone, I truly feel that there’s been a lack of leadership at the state level. I do have respect for Commissioner Riley, who I believe feels the same way as he reflects on how he received news that would greatly impact his decision making. Commissioner Riley returned every phone call or text that I have made/sent to him for the past year including his blessing on a 2020 live graduation – something that most districts were not allowed to enjoy.

Palmer Public Schools was a leader in the Commonwealth in the percentage of time that students were present for in-person learning. While we had little mandates as to our responsibility to non-hybrid learners, as the commissioner’s instruction were actually that parents would have to take a major role in the remote learning of their children, we strove to offer much more. Our teachers and staff members have worked endlessly with essentially no start time and no end time for each day during the pandemic. I walk through the halls and I’m amazed at the energy that I still see coming from our educators, but when I look into faces and deep into eyes, I see a collective tiredness that I have never seen in 36 years as an educator. I know for me, I had a meeting in which two teachers told me I needed to get some rest! I intend to do that this summer.

I would like to particularly note that our commitment to technology in Palmer Schools and in nearly being 1:1 with device to student at the start of the pandemic, we were able to convert to remote learning with an agility that other districts were not able to manage. Our ability to leverage technology was due to the vision of the administrative team and our ability to efficiently utilize our budget over the past five years so that it was a financial possibility.

We began the year in August with great input from our think tank and our task force. The task force met numerous times, for literally hours, to make sure that we were utilizing the best plan that we could possibly implement. We had the opportunity for Dr. Noel Purty, a noted educational professional from Queen’s College in Belfast, Ireland, to help inform some of those earliest decisions. The work that really began in March 2020 has never ended, but I do believe that we finally see a light at the end of the tunnel. Today, as I watched recess out my office window, it seemed strange but heartening to see students without masks. I remember in the fall looking out the same window at the same students and thinking how foreign it looked to see students in America wearing masks.

We have endured a time in American history that the majority of us could not have even imagined. When I taught in Springfield, I had students from third world countries who I am sure as adults have an early life point-of-reference to throes that we have encountered. I would like to thank all of the educators, staff members, and literally every adult in our small, but stellar district. I would like to thank the parents who have continued to entrust their children with us. I would like to thank the community who has continued to support us. I would like to thank the school committee who continues to support the momentous task of guiding the Palmer Public schools. During the course of this pandemic, both myself and the administrative team have been questioned and graded by the school community and the community at large. I sit here tonight, honestly believing that Palmer Public Schools from those with last names



Early June spotlights specimen perennials

The crazy heat we had for nearly two weeks straight pushed a lot of June perennials ahead. Then, the cold rain came and has them in a holding pattern. As I write, my peonies are budded up and I am crossing my fingers that they will bloom for my early June birthday. Read on to learn about peonies and two other plants known as specimen perennials.

The word “specimen” has its own definition in horticultural terms. Specimen plants are special, prized for their ability to can stand alone in a border or foundation planting. They don’t need to be planted in a group of similar or differing plants to look their best. Simply put, one is enough! These types of plants are also known to be extremely hardy and long-lived. Nineteenth century gardeners must have certainly been aware of these attributes. The patterned beds in the Salem Towne garden at Old Sturbridge Village highlight three specimen perennials that bloom in June: Gas plant, baptisia and peony.

Gas plant (*Dictamnus albus*) is probably the least known of the three. Stems are deep green and stiff, and even at close to three feet do not require staking. White flowers are borne on terminal spikes and are unique in that two of their five petals bend down to show-off stamens that curve skyward. The common name for this plant comes from the volatile oil that is given off by the flowers and in its seed pods, and can theoretically be ignited on a calm evening. In fact, William Prince’s catalog of 1831 notes that “this plant exhales inflammable gas!” I have also learned first hand that the seed pod causes “photodermatitis.” Exercise caution when working close to this plant or you too may end up with a star shaped burn on your skin!

Gas plant is tough to propagate. It is rarely successful when divided, and seeds need to be stratified before being sown. Then they may take a good year or more to germinate and another couple of years for the plants to get to size.

Baptisia (*B. australis*), commonly known as false indigo, is another specimen that shines in June. The plant is reminiscent of lupine and suggests a family relation to other legumes. Gray-green foliage is pretty in its own right, until you see the beautiful deep blue-purple pea-like flower spikes that emerge in mid-month. Easily four feet tall and three feet wide, one plant is certainly enough per grouping. The size of the plant you purchase may lead you to think otherwise, though, since transplants are usually tiny and take a couple of seasons to establish. Site false indigo in full sun or partial shade in rich soil. Refrain from moving the plant once it reaches full size or its deep tap root may be compromised. Blackish seed pods are hardly decorative on the plant, but do look nice in autumn

decorations.

My favorite specimen of all is saved for discussion last: the peony. Perhaps I am biased because I grew up with a division of my Babci’s (Grandmother’s) plant in my childhood garden. Frilly and bubblegum pink, this flower was always cut and put in a vase just in time for my birthday! The variety we had was likely ‘Monsieur Jules Elie’ introduced in 1888, and available in nearby New York in 1917. ‘Festiva Maxima’ is the white splashed red flowered variety grown at the Towne garden as well as in my home landscape these days, alongside a division of Babci’s plant.

Choose a location that receives six or more hours of sun a day for your peony. If your soil is average, the addition of a balanced fertilizer may be all that is necessary at planting. Bear in mind that too much nitrogen will encourage lots of leaves but few roots and flowers. An established peony is drought resistant, but if spring rains are scarce, a weekly watering will promote good flowers.

Heavy peony flowers, especially the old-fashioned types will no doubt bow down to the ground in the wind and rain unless staked. I usually pick some for the vase in the bud stage in an attempt to avoid this task, but nevertheless staking makes the plant nice and tidy and should be accomplished. Middle weight bamboo stakes inserted into the ground on the outer edge of the plant cut to three-quarters its height, work well. Run two rows of twine or jute at one third and two thirds up the bamboo, respectively. Simply start by tying a knot on one stake, wrapping around the next and tightening as you go. If green bamboo and jute are used the staking will hardly be visible, especially if you don’t tighten so much that it looks unnatural.

One year my peony buds wilted and dried up just prior to bloom. The culprit was botrytis. Good hygiene can reduce the risk of this fungus invading your garden. Each fall simply cut the stems of herbaceous peonies down to the ground. Haul them off to the trash, don’t compost. If watering is necessary, do so early in the morning and water at the plant’s base rather than overhead to keep foliage dry. Any stems that show signs of wilting should be cut away and thrown in the trash as well.

Plant specimen perennials in your landscape for years of enjoyment.

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In My Backyard

By Ellenor Downer

I received an email from an Oakham resident. He said after filling his bird feeder “a colorful explosion with some old favorites like cardinals, purple finches and goldfinches in their new spring outfits, along with some new arrivals, a Baltimore oriole, a rose-breasted grosbeak and the first indigo bunting that my wife had ever seen.”

The male indigo bunting is a small finch about 5 ½ inches long and is a deep blue. The female is brown with a paler breast. The female has faint wing bars. Both have a conical bill with the male’s dark gray and the female lighter gray.

The male conspicuously sings from tops of trees and shrubs. Its song is a “sweet-sweet, chew-chew.” Its call is a

sharp “spit” and given when someone approaches its nest. The female is secretive and her coloring makes her hard to spot.

The female lays two to six white eggs in a nest of dead leaves, weed stems, grasses, and lines with finer grasses and downy materials. The indigo bunting places the nest in a fork of a tree or shrub. It inhabits brush and low trees near open area like over-grown fields. They forage on the ground and in low foliage for insects, weed seeds, wild berries and grains.

Sugar-loving woodpeckers

I have a pair of downy woodpeckers, which regularly come to my nectar feeder. I purchased a new nectar feeder,

GUEST COLUMN

Opening a Writer’s Closet Door

By Joan E. B. Coombs

For years I’ve scribbled ideas on almost every flat, non-moving, horizontal piece of paper that I could grab. I’ve scrawled thoughts and “happy-nings” on blank recipe cards, junk mail envelopes and even paper napkins mid meal. Whenever the writing itch would twitch, I’d scratch down my inklings.

Being published in elementary and high school years began prying my writer’s closet door open. Later, after attending art school, illustrating and writing copy was for businesses. Then came marriage and children, and as life emerged my soul works arose.

Over the years, anecdotes and observations were put in an ever-mounting scrap pile, next to the spices, on a second-shelf, in my kitchen cupboard and kept behind a closed door.

During fast-paced, child-rearing years, “imp-resions” were written on anything resembling a blank, slim, file-worthy surface. Again, throughout those young years, “Mommy moments” glimpses were tucked away again and again. And-- I gently c-l-o-s-e-d the door.

Yet, only when the kitchen tile flooring was less stamped by ordinary life, could I be brave enough to peer into those beckoning shelves. Leaning towers of paper stacks of every imaginable color arrayed the ledge. Through misting eyes I beamed, “I have my own personal rainbow!”

Scanning the shelf, I knew I must make a choice. I could slam the door shut and run for a dead-bolt lock. (Imagine what that does to rainbows.) Or, I could scrunch those paper pieces together and, with my left-over gallon jug of kid’s non-toxic glue, and make lots of huge, mosaic, papiermache doorstops for decades of un-birthday gifts.

Since choosing the rainbow route my days have been kaleidoscopic. The glow of releasing cerebral-chambered thoughts, then filtering them through my personal prism was enlightening in the first stage. The second stage-better known as stage fright – was sharing them!

Yes, writing can become habit forming. Once you begin, there’s no end to it – except when editors red pen your manuscript and reject it.

When a writer’s closet door is open, expect spontaneous thoughts to springboard at the most awkward times. For me, ideas come amid chaos. Not, as one would expect during the quiet, calm moments of an uncluttered mind or desk. For years, especially while driving, I kept a notepad handy for use at any stoplight or stop signs. And, if and when I couldn’t pull over, recapturing those inklings was like trying to coral Jell-O. Confession: my writing closet door is open.

For years, encouraging others to write articles, providing information and opportunities for them, on a personal level, was such a blessing. And, although during recent decades, methods and opportunities to send manuscripts have changed, there are so many more opportunities for writers to self-publish books.

However, my up-to-date, hope-filled intention is to inspire any-age readership to write about their special events, their family stories, fun-filled moments and personal memoirs.

Grab a pen. Find a few moments. Jot down some “happy-nings.” And, begin opening your writer’s closet door.

SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

Should My Wife Wait Until Age 70 to Claim?

By Russell Gloor  
Guest columnist

**Dear Rusty:** I’m 74 and receiving my Social Security benefits. My wife is 68, and we are delaying her benefits until she’s 70. But I read an article about a wife receiving half of her husband’s benefit, which makes me wonder if my wife waiting is smart. Please let me know your thoughts. Signed: Wondering

**Dear Wondering:** Your wife waiting until she is 70 to claim her own Social Security retirement benefit may be a smart move, but only if her age 70 benefit will be more than the benefit she is already entitled to as your spouse. Her benefit as your spouse is 50% of the benefit you were entitled to at your full retirement age (66). She would get that 50% because she has already reached her own full retirement age (FRA), but your wife’s spousal benefit doesn’t grow beyond what she’s entitled to at her FRA. Her own Social Security retirement benefit, however, grows by .667% per month until she is 70, at which point it reaches maximum (32% more than her FRA benefit amount). So, the question is, which will be higher: her spouse benefit, or her age 70 benefit? If the answer is her spousal benefit, then she should claim that now. But if the answer is her age 70 benefit, waiting until she is 70 makes more sense.

There is, however, another option which would work even better if your wife’s own benefit at age 70 will be her highest. Since you are already collecting, and because your wife was born in 1953, she is eligible to file a “restricted application for spousal benefits only.” Doing so would allow her to collect her 50% spouse benefit from you now, while still allowing her own Social Security retirement benefit to grow to maximum at age 70. That would give your wife half of your FRA benefit amount each month, while she simultaneously maximizes her own Social Security retirement benefit. Then at age 70, when her personal benefit reaches maximum, she can switch to her own higher benefit. I suggest that your wife get a Statement of Estimated Benefits from Social Security to determine if her age 70 benefit will be higher than her spouse benefit. If so, she can file the “restricted application for spouse benefits only” and then simply wait until she is 70 to switch

Election letters to the editor welcome

The *Journal Register* welcomes readers to participate in this year’s election campaigns by writing letters to the editor for publication on these pages. Letters of up to 250 words from local residents endorsing candidates on the ballot or discussing campaign issues should be sent to The Journal Register, care of Turley Publications, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, faxed to 413-289-1977 or emailed to [mharrison@turley.com](mailto:mharrison@turley.com). Please include a daytime telephone number for verification purposes (it will not be printed). Letters must be received by noon Monday to be considered for that Thursday’s newspaper. No attack letters will be printed. No letters written by candidates supporting their own candidacy will be printed. If the volume of letters received is larger than the space available in the newspaper, or if the letters become repetitive, the newspaper reserves the right to print a representative sample. No endorsement letters will be printed in the last edition before the election.

For more information, call editor Michael Harrison at 413-283-8393.

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# Around the town

## Gobi aims to establish Higher Education Affordability Task Force in budget debate

BOSTON – The Massachusetts State Senate moved Tuesday, May 25, to adopt an amendment submitted by state Sen. Anne Gobi (D-Spencer) to the fiscal 2022 state budget establishing a task force aimed at evaluating the affordability of public and private education options in the commonwealth. This task force will study the impact affordability has on the financial health and longevity of higher education institutions, including the future role that small private colleges will play in the state, and how this impacts the workforce pipeline.

“It is impossible to ignore the nation-wide trend of declining undergraduate enrollment that has affected Massachusetts and its institutions,” said Gobi, Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Educa-

tion. “An effort to shore up our vital higher education institutions this task force will evaluate the current situation facing higher ed institutions and make recommendations to move them forward on a path towards long-term sustainability to ensure the needs of our students are met and we are able to produce the workforce and education levels expected of our state.”

The task force, consisting of representatives from the Department of Education, Department of Labor, the joint committee on higher education, appointees of the governor and student representatives from each type of higher education present in the state among others, will evaluate the impact of college affordability on the financial health and longevity of higher education

institutions, including the future role of small private colleges in the state. These schools have suffered enrollment declines at even higher rates, at 4% compared to 3% at public institutions, and the number of total high school graduates is predicted to continue to decrease in the upcoming years. In addition to that, the task force will examine affordability’s impact on the workforce pipeline, including how it affects the state’s ability to attract students to schools in the state and retain them here after graduation.

For more information on the amendment or budget process, please contact Gobi’s office by email at Anne.Gobi@MASenate.gov.

## Mary Lane closes, but emergency health options remain

Baystate Health announced the June 3 closing of the Baystate Mary Lane Satellite Emergency Facility in Ware. Baystate Wing Hospital, located at 40 Wright Street in Palmer, will continue to offer patients comprehensive 24/7 emergency services in a newly constructed emergency department that is nine miles from the Baystate Mary Lane campus.

In addition to the Baystate Wing Hospital Emergency Department, emergency services are provided at the following locations:

Athol Hospital Emergency Department, 2033 Main Street, Athol

Baystate Medical Center Emergency Department, 759 Chestnut Street, Springfield

Cooley Dickinson Hospital

Emergency Department, 30 Locust Street, Northampton

Harrington Hospital Emergency Department, 100 South Street, Southbridge

Heywood Hospital Emergency Department, 242 Green Street, Gardner

Holyoke Medical Center, 575 Beech Street, Holyoke

Mercy Medical Center Emergency Department, 271 Carew Street, Springfield

UMass Memorial Medical Center Emergency Department - Memorial Campus, 119 Belmont Street, Worcester

UMass Memorial Medical Center Emergency Department - University Campus, 55 North Lake Avenue, Worcester

Walk-in or urgent care ser-

vices are available at the following locations:

Convenient MD, 471 Center Street, Ludlow

Urgent Care of Wilbraham, 2040 Boston Road, Wilbraham

CVS MinuteClinic, 1001 Thorndike Street, Palmer

MedExpress Urgent Care, 1312 Boston Road, Springfield

CVS Retail Clinic, 142 Worcester Street, Charlton

Urgent Care Express at Harrington-Charlton, 10 North Main Street, Charlton

For more information on the closure of the Baystate Mary Lane Satellite Emergency Facility and for additional patient care information visit BaystateHealth.org/EasternRegion.

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which has a wrap around perch instead of individual perches at each nectar port. I think it makes it easier for the woodpeckers to grab and drink nectar from it. I also have a red-bellied woodpecker, which sometimes visits the nectar feeder. If birds had teeth, I would say the woodpeckers had a sweet tooth. Since they don’t, I will say they have a sweet tongue.

The red-bellied woodpecker also likes the orange half I put out for the Baltimore orioles. Between the hummingbirds and the woodpeckers, I boil up sugar water daily. I mix ¼ cup sugar to 1 cup water.

The nectar feeder also has a moat, which helps keep ants out. I put water in the moat to deter the ants and find the small birds like chickadees and titmice drink from it.

#### Other birds

I continue to have tufted titmice, a few tree sparrows, catbirds, a pair of cardinals, blue jays, grackles, and black-capped chickadees. I have a tray feeder, which I fill every morning with black oil sunflower seeds. I don’t put in a large amount of seeds so there will be no seeds left when the bears prowl about in the evening and night. The squirrels make sure there is nothing left for the bears. I no longer hang suet feeders as the bear walked off with the suet cage. I found it broken about five feet from my hanging pole. The pole has a permanent bend to it, also the work of a bear. It is probably time for me to buy a new one.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100, emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.

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from her spouse benefit to her own higher benefit (32% more than her FRA amount).

Note that this “restricted application for spouse benefits only” option is no longer available to anyone born after January 1, 1954, but is still available to your wife because she was born before that. Unless her spousal benefit will be her highest, I suggest that your wife file the “restricted application for spouse benefits only” which will give her 50% of your FRA benefit amount (including COLA awarded since then). She should also ask for 6 months retroactive spouse benefits since she was eligible to do this at her FRA.

The easiest way for your wife to get her Statement of Estimated Benefits is by using her personal “My Social Security” online account. If she doesn’t yet have an online account with Social Security, it is easy to create one at [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount). She will need that account anyway to apply for her benefits online, which is by far the most efficient way to apply.

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beginning with “A” to those ending with “Z” have done an efficient and heroic job.

As we have said many times, our community is changing. While at times we find it challenging, it is also inspiring. I would like to thank you for providing me with the opportunity to be the educational leader of this district. I am looking forward to school year 2021-2022.

### FIRE | from page 1

recover from their loss. Chiacchia is leveraging the Santa’s Elves of Palmer Facebook page as a platform to spread the word on what Barber and Smith need. There also is a GoFundMe campaign residents can use to donate to the cause. Also, Chiacchia said Courag3ous Nutrition has a donation bucket in their store and will be serving as a drop-off center until Barber and Smith can collect donated items.

Demore said his business has a collection jar on the front counter and is helping in other ways.

“We also opened an account at Apollo 1 Pizza in Palmer for the family to order food as they need,” Demore said.

“We know they must be really busy and wanted to make this small gesture. We would also like the family to know we are here to help in anyway we can. The community rallied so fast as this was happening, it was so great to see. We love this town. Our hearts go out to them and we want them to know their community is here for them.”

Barber said she has been overwhelmed by all the support.

“We cannot thank everybody enough for the donations and for just reaching out,” Barber said. “We are just really in awe of everyone’s generosity.”

She also said if anyone would like to reach out to the couple personally, they can contact them through Facebook.

Partlow’s son, Chris Smith, said the family does not need any financial help.

“A lot of people have reached out to me about my mother, but I have been directing them to Olivia and Kyle,” Smith said. “My brother David Smith and I can handle the funeral expenses.”

Smith also said he thanks the first responders who tried to save his mother.

“It’s tragic, but they did try to get to her,” Smith



A fire consumes most of a Maple Street duplex last week. One resident was killed in the blaze and a couple lost their home and possessions.

said.

“They put their lives on the line and I really just want to say thanks.”

A memorial for Partlow will take place at the Gin Mill in Bondsville 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on June 5.

#### Want to help?

Items that Barber and Smith need include gift



Courtesy Photos

Olivia Barber and Kyle Smith lost their home and possessions in a fire last week. The community is rallying to help them.

cards, clothes, silverware, towels, pots and pans, furniture, food and more. To contact Chiacchia, visit the Santa’s Elves of Palmer Facebook page (Santa’s Elves of Palmer MA). Demore’s Automotive is located at 1160 Park Street and Courag3ous Nutrition is located at 1418 N. Main Street, both in Palmer.

The GoFundMe can be reached at [gofundme.com/t/help-olivia-and-kyle](https://gofundme.com/t/help-olivia-and-kyle).

### Here's a long-lasting Mother's Day gift

Mother's Day has almost arrived. As an adult, you can fully appreciate all your mother has done for you, so, on this occasion, you may be happy to give Mom flowers, candy, jewelry or something similar. But Mother's Day is here and then it's gone. Is there a longer-term gift that can make a real difference in your mother's life?

Actually, there is – the gift of knowledge for her financial future. Specifically, there are two key areas in which you may be able to provide valuable help to your mother: long-term care and estate planning. But don't panic – you don't have to be an expert in either one of these

subjects. You can, however, steer Mom – and possibly your other parent, too, if one is in the picture – in the right direction. Let's take a quick look at both these topics.

First, consider long-term care. If your mother is in good health, you may not have thought much about whether she would eventually need an extended stay in a nursing home or the services of a home health aide. But the odds aren't necessarily in her favor: About 70 percent of adults who reach 65 will eventually require some type of long-term service and support, according to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. And this type of care is expensive: The annual median cost for a private room in a nursing home is more than \$100,000, and it's nearly \$55,000 per year for the full-time services of a home health aide, according to a survey by the insurance company Genworth.

Unless your mother has accumulated a great deal of financial resources, she likely won't be able to pay these costs out of pocket without jeopardizing her financial independence. Furthermore, Medicare typically pays only a small portion of these expenses.

To help your mother deal with this potential financial threat, you might want to suggest she meet with a financial professional, who can explore possible strategies and products designed to address long-term care. And the sooner, the better, because these solutions will become more expensive and challenging the older your mother gets.

The second topic you may want to bring up with your mother is her estate plan. Has she drafted a will? Has she safeguarded her wishes by creating the

necessary legal documents? These could include a durable power of attorney for finances, which allows her to name someone to manage her financial affairs if she becomes incapacitated, and a durable power of attorney for health care, which allows someone to make medical decisions for her if she is able to do so herself.

Having her estate plans in order can help protect your mother's finances and ensure her legacy is honored – which is almost certainly an outcome she would keenly desire. So, if your mother doesn't already have a comprehensive estate plan, encourage her to see a legal professional to start the process.

Helping your mother protect herself from the catastrophic costs of long-term care and the chaos of an inadequate estate plan may not sound like a typical Mother's Day offering, but your actions can help keep Mom in a good place in life – and that's a pretty valuable gift.

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ediction.

Smola referenced a visit to the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke, where he said a veteran told him to use his time wisely.

"He was trying to convey the idea that even though you may not have served in the United States military, that we all have an obligation and responsibility to give back in some small way," Smola said.

"In a couple of days, we're going to recognize the 10-year anniversary of that terrible tornado that ripped through the town of

Brimfield. It was over in a matter of seconds. This town rallied for its neighbors, came together and provided service and support and comfort and all of those things that individuals that were displaced because of those circumstances needed and required."

Smola also said everyone does their best work when they are able to come together and reach compromise on issues of importance to the whole community. Later, he and Gobi hugged and paid respects to the Hitchcock family, which recently lost a member, U.S. Army Veteran Charles Robert "Bob" Hitchcock.

Flags were raised outside town hall, at the Brimfield Cemetery and World War I Memorial. At each location, wreaths were laid and the "Star-Spangled Banner" and "Taps" were performed.




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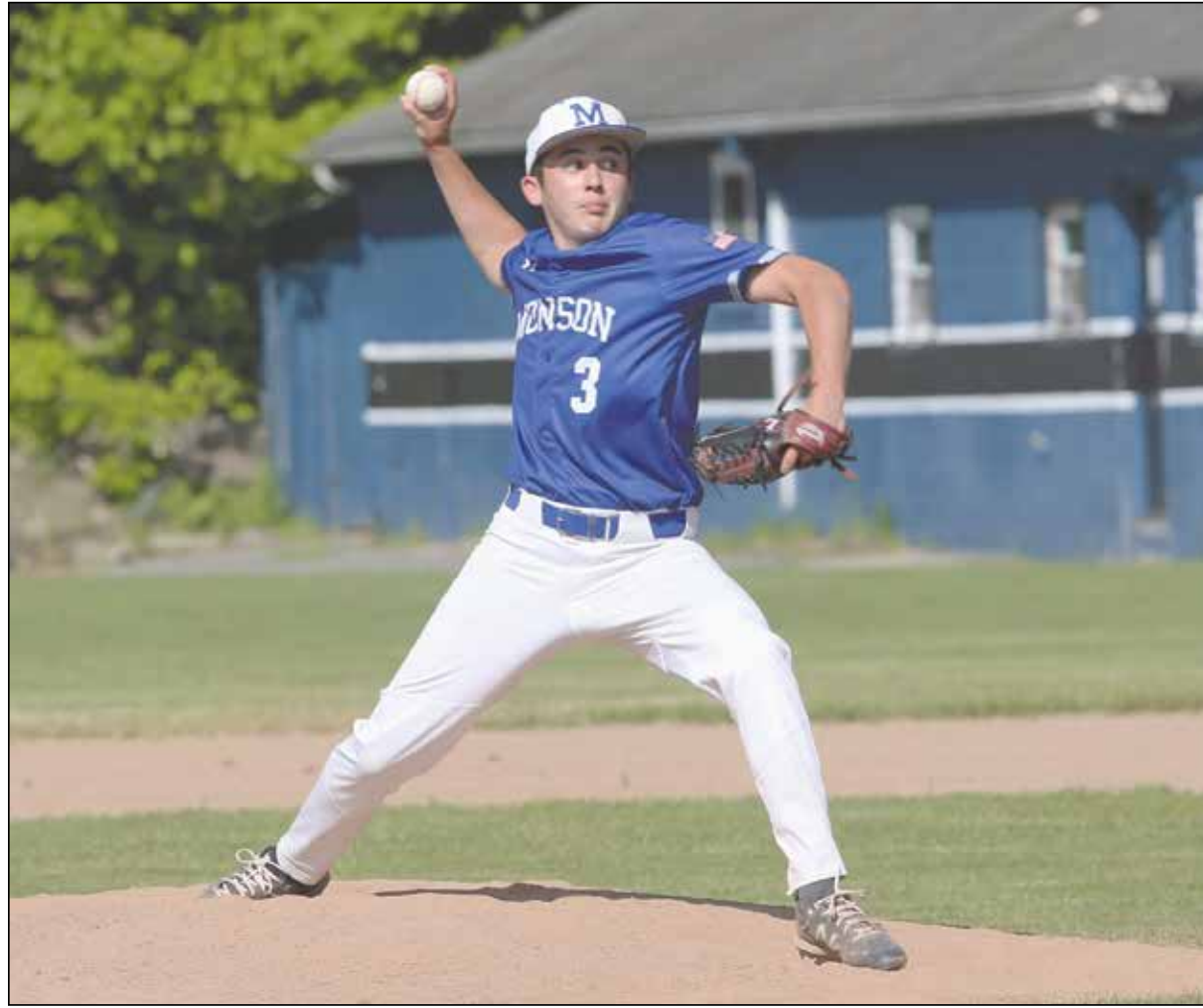
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## BASEBALL

### Monson wins first round against Palmer



Trey Yesu pitches for the Mustangs. It was his first varsity start for Monson.

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

PALMER — Monson junior righthander Trey Yesu excelled in his first career varsity start against Bi-County League rival Palmer.

While Yesu dominated on the mound, his batterymate, Luke Hedspeth, a senior, had two base hits and four RBIs, as the Mustangs dispatched the Panthers, 9-1 in Palmer last Monday afternoon May 24.

"I really enjoyed pitching against Palmer for the first time," Yesu said. "I know most of their players and it was a fun game today."

Yesu went the distance allowing one run on five hits with one walk and a career-high 16 strikeouts. He struck out at least two batters in each inning.

"Trey challenged the Palmer hitters, and he pitched a great game," said first-year Monson head coach Curtis Orlik. "He commanded all of his pitches for strikes."

Yesu, who won his first game of the season at St. Mary's on May 12, has enjoyed having Hedspeth as his catcher this season.

"Luke is an outstanding catcher and I really enjoy having him back there," Yesu said. "He also did a great job at the plate."

The road victory improved the Mustangs overall record to 5-2. Their two losses came on the road against Ware and Granby.

"We lost a tough one to Granby in our last game, so we really needed this win," Orlik said. "We swung our bats well, we played solid defense, and our pitcher was lights out."

The Panthers had a 2-4 record following the home loss.

"The Monson pitcher pitched very well, and we didn't have many hits against him," said Palmer first-year head coach Anthony Pasquarosa. "We've had an up and down season, but I just want my guys to continue playing hard in every game."

Pasquarosa, who's an art teacher at Palmer High School, had previously coached the Panthers j.v. baseball team for four years.

Palmer junior righty Michael Mayberry matched Yesu during the early innings. He struck out six batters in the first three frames before running into a little bit of trouble in the top of the fourth inning.

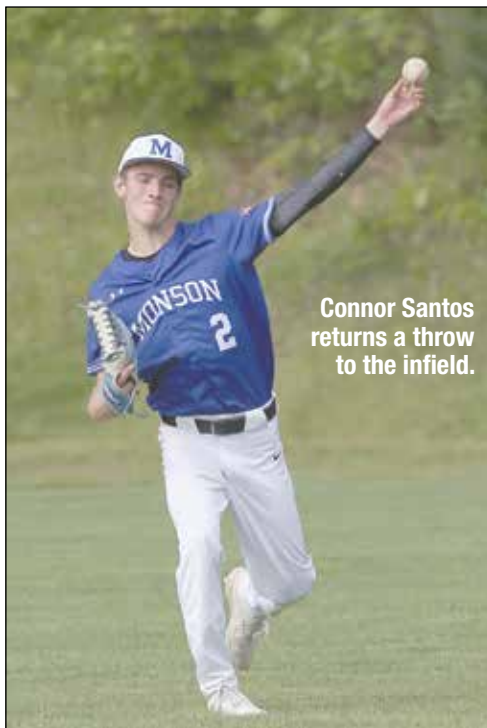
Monson senior right fielder Connor Santos, who'll be playing baseball at Nichols College next year, leadoff the fourth inning by beating out a groundball to the shortstop for an infield hit. After stealing second base, Santos scored the game's first run when senior third baseman Liam Hedspeth belted a triple which stopped rolling near the new football bleacher in right center field. Then a ground ball out to second base by Luke Hedspeth scored his twin brother.

"Liam and Luke had a couple of big hits for us," Orlik said. "Both pitches were on the outside corner and they hit them to the opposite field, which was great to see."

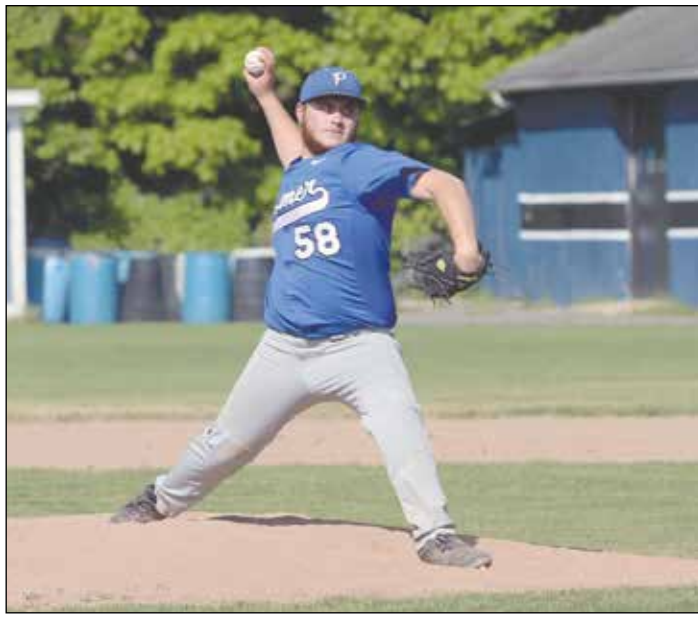
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Ty Miller fields a grounder for Palmer.



Connor Santos returns a throw to the infield.



## BASEBALL



The Braves' Dave Warner makes a throw to first.



Cardinals pitcher Gary Paradise delivers a pitch.



Braves pitcher Cam McCorison snaps off a curveball.



Anthony Maspo fields a grounder.

### Quabbin league action

SOUTH HADLEY — The Quabbin Valley Over-28 Baseball League has gotten underway with the season beginning

in early May. The league was shut down for the 2020 season due to the pandemic. Last Sunday, one of the games saw the

Cardinals defeating the Braves 18-3. The league features six teams playing Sunday morning games each week.

## BASEBALL

### Pathfinder edged by Franklin Tech

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

THORNDIKE—The only two seniors playing for Pathfinder this year are Thomas Swift and Jordan Talbot.

They were honored, along with senior team manager Anthony Serricchio, in a ceremony held prior to the start of last Thursday night's home game versus Franklin County Tech.

A couple of hours later, the Pioneers nearly capped off senior night by celebrating an extra innings victory.

The Pioneers came back from an early 3-0 deficit to tie score at 3-3 in the bottom of the second inning. They also trailed, 7-3, before tying the score once again at 7-7 with two outs in the fifth inning. The game remained tied until the top of the eighth. That's when Franklin Tech pushed across the go-ahead run and they enjoyed the trip back to Turners Falls following an 8-7 win.

Not very much has gone the Pioneers (1-9) way so far this season.

"We haven't been able to put everything together in a game so far this season," Talbot said. "It was looking like we had finally put it all together in tonight's game, but we just couldn't finish it in the end. This was a tough game to lose."

Swift, who's a righthander, was the Pioneers starting pitcher on senior night, while Talbot was the starting catcher.

"Coming into tonight's game, I wanted Jordan to be my catcher because we've worked very well

together," Swift said. "It has been a lot of fun playing on the same baseball team with him the past couple of years. It was also nice celebrating senior night together."

Talbot, who was the winning pitcher in the Pioneers only victory against Gateway, replaced Swift on the mound with one out in the fifth inning against Franklin Tech.

"The game plan was for me to start the game and then have Jordan follow me as a relief pitcher," Swift said. "It was pretty cool having the only two seniors on the team pitch on senior night."

Talbot and Swift have known each other since they were eighth graders at the Jabish Middle School in Belchertown.

Talbot is a Belchertown resident, while Swift was a school choice student from Ware as an eighth grader. They were both freshman members of the Pathfinder varsity baseball team the following year.

"Tommy and I have built a very good friendship during the past several years," said Talbot, who was also a member of the football and boys' varsity basketball team during his high school athletic career. "We're planning to keep in contact with each other after we graduate."

Swift, who also played soccer in high school, is planning enlist in the Army full time.

"I'm going to be enlisting in the Army," Swift said. "My life dream has always been to serve my country."

In the fall, Talbot will be

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## SOCCER



Hope Santaniello, of Agawam, looks to deke around an opponent.



Lauren Berman, of South Hadley, possesses the ball.



Lily Fabian, of Monson, goes for the header.



Charlotte Maurer passes the ball away.

### Mutiny pick up first win

LUDLOW — On May 22, the Mutiny won its first game of the season with the help of a lot of offense. The Mutiny defeated Connecticut Rush 6-1. Alexis Legowski, of South Hadley, and Lily Fabian, of Monson, had goals. Hope Santaniello, of Agawam, provided an assist in the win.



Jessica Mazo attempts a shot on goal.

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## Bay State Summer Games returning this year

WOBURN – The Bay State Games are pleased to announce that after the cancellation of all 2020 Summer Games events due to the COVID-19 pandemic, plans are well underway to hold over two dozen sports at the 39th annual Games this Summer.

“The last live Bay State Games event was held on March 1, 2020,” said Bay State Games Executive Director, Kevin Cummings. “For the past several months we have been monitoring state protocols and working with our venue partners with hope that we could host events this summer. The recent updates by the EEA regarding youth and adult amateur sport activities will allow us to proceed with many of our events. We are excited to be able to provide opportunities

for athletes who have waited, in some cases for over a year, to participate in the sports they love.

While many events will proceed, the athlete experience and format may be different in 2021 as policies will be implemented to ensure the safety of all athletes, coaches, officials, and spectators. “We are working with event organizers, sport governing bodies, individual venues, local boards of health, and the Bay State Games medical team to develop safety protocols for each event,” said Cummings. Protocols for each sport will be available on the Bay State Games website.

The first live event to return will be Figure Skating on June 12 at the Nashoba Valley Olympia Rink in Boxborough. Normally held in the Winter Games in the

Berkshires, this event was postponed due to COVID-19. Over 340 skaters will participate under strict mask and social distancing guidelines. Showcase sport tryouts in baseball, basketball, field hockey, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball, and volleyball will take place at statewide venues throughout the month of June with competitions held in July. After the cancellation of the 2020 Summer Games, Bay State Games has also adjusted the eligibility requirements to allow graduating seniors to compete in the showcase sports. In order to be eligible, the senior must have either already competed in Bay State Games in the past or have been registered for the 2020 Summer Games prior to its cancellation. All showcase sports,

except baseball, may qualify for the team using this eligibility requirement.

Many individual sports are also confirmed with events in archery, pickleball, shooting sports, weightlifting, and others.

Plans are currently underway to confirm venues for additional sports including swimming, track & field, badminton, footgolf, fencing, and others. Discussions continue regarding high-risk sports, such as rugby, wrestling, and judo. A decision on these events should be made shortly.

For more information on all sports in the 2021 Summer Games and links to online registration, go to [www.baystategames.org](http://www.baystategames.org). For questions email [info@baystategames.org](mailto:info@baystategames.org) or call 781-932-6555.

## Falmouth Road Race to resume, event set for Aug. 15

FALMOUTH – Falmouth Road Race, Inc., organizers of the 49th Annual ASICS Falmouth Road Race, one of America’s premier running events of the summer season, today announced that it will host a field of 8,000 in-person runners for its upcoming event on Sunday, Aug. 15.

Those who registered during the initial registration window and selected, “If given the chance, I would like to run in Falmouth” will be guaranteed a place within the limited in-person field. Runners who have not yet registered but are looking to secure a guaranteed in-person spot in this year’s

event can do so by registering to run on behalf of a charity. A comprehensive list of 164 charitable organizations is available by visiting [www.falmouthroadrace.com/charity-program](http://www.falmouthroadrace.com/charity-program). For more information on general registration, please visit [www.falmouthroadrace.com](http://www.falmouthroadrace.com).

“On the heels of Governor Charlie Baker’s announcement lifting all coronavirus restrictions in Massachusetts effective May 29, and after close consultation with the Town of Falmouth, public safety officials, our medical team, and our partners, we are excited to announce a field of 8,000 in-per-

son runners for the 49th ASICS Falmouth Road Race,” said Scott Ghelfi, president of the Falmouth Road Race, Inc. Board of Directors. “We are excited to welcome athletes back to Falmouth for this summer tradition and we look forward to welcoming a full field for our 50th running next August.”

Aside from the newly announced in-person portion, the 49th ASICS Falmouth Road Race will still feature a virtual SBLI Kids At-Home Challenge and the race’s At-Home Edition, where participants will lace up their running shoes and go seven miles in their own neighborhoods between

Aug. 7 to 14.

For nearly 50 years, Falmouth Road Race, Inc. has promoted health, wellness and pride in the community. In these unprecedented and uncertain times, the organization is striving to be consistent in its mission, continuing to provide its dedicated athletes, enthusiasts, and the community with an event to be proud of and one that supports people in need.

For more information, or to register, visit [www.falmouthroadrace.com](http://www.falmouthroadrace.com). Follow us on Facebook or at @falmouthroadrace on Instagram.

## Sign up for Quabbin Valley Baseball

REGION – The Quabbin Valley Baseball League is an age 28-and-over league which plays its games Sundays at 10 a.m. beginning in late April and concluding in late August. It is a six-team league and a 15-game schedule with all teams getting at least one playoff game at the end of August.

The league is seeking new players to join in the fun. The cost to play in 2021 is \$192.50 and registration can be found at [www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org](http://www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org). Games are mostly being played this year in Easthampton and South Hadley. Players who wish to pitch in the league must be 30-years-old.

Sign-ups will continue to be open as the league still has open roster spots for new players. Players who sign up in the first few weeks of the season should be able to be placed with a team.

The league’s first games are scheduled for Sunday, April 25. For the 2021 season, there is a mask-wearing rule, as well as modifications that prohibit any type of spitting or close contact, and players are required to take out all trash they bring in with them. The league allows the use of BBCOR-certified -3 bats as well as wood bats. Games are nine innings and all players who participate get to hit and play the field. For more information or to contact someone from the league, go to the league’s website.

## Schools

## Baystate Wing Hospital Auxiliary awards \$5,000 in scholarships to local students



Tori Edwards

PALMER — Five local students have received an increase in their college fund, courtesy of the Baystate Wing Hospital Auxiliary.

The hospital’s volunteer group recently presented \$5,000 in scholarships to local high school students pursuing careers in healthcare.

Each year the scholarships are financed by the hard work and dedicated fundraising efforts of the Auxiliary members. The Auxiliary awarded scholarships to seniors graduating from Ludlow, Monson, Palmer, Pathfinder, and Ware high schools who are pursuing higher education in a healthcare field. The students were chosen based on their academic excellence, volunteer efforts and related community



Kaitlyn Rodrigues

service, work experience, and dedication to their goals.

A committee reviewed the applications of area students in April, as they do each year, to select the students who this year will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

The 2021 scholarship award recipients are: Tori Edwards from Palmer High School, who will be pursuing a degree in biomedical science; Kaitlyn Rodrigues from Ludlow High School, who will be pursuing a degree as a physician assistant; Makayla Davenport from Pathfinder Regional High School, who will be pursuing a degree in occupational therapy; Lexie Orszulak from Ware High School, who will be pursuing a degree in nursing; and Alex Doyle from Monson High



Makayla Davenport

School, who will be pursuing a degree as a physician assistant.

“We are extremely proud of these students and grateful to the Baystate Wing Hospital Auxiliary members for their continued dedication to our hospital and our communities,” said Ursula St. Amand, chairman of the scholarship committee.

“These scholarships are an investment in our area youth and will help to build a healthcare workforce for the future.”

For over 65 years, the Auxiliary has been actively supporting Baystate Wing Hospital through their sponsorship of special events and management of the gift shop. This diverse group of women and men include teachers, nurses, business owners, both young and retirees, who live in many different communities and are united by a shared commit-



Alex Doyle

ment to support the mission of the hospital.

The COVID-19 pandemic created some challenges for this group of committed volunteers. They had to temporarily close the gift shop in March of 2020 which restricted their ability to fund raise for the annual scholarship awards. “We are all looking forward to returning to our work serving as Auxiliary members at the hospital,” St. Amand said.

“We are thankful to the Auxiliary members for their continued commitment and support and we look forward to a time when they can return to the Baystate Wing Hospital Gift Shop when the hospital is allowed to lift restrictions,” said Teresa Grove, philanthropy officer for Baystate Health’s Eastern Region.

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a freshman at Norwich University, which is a private military academy located in Northfield, Vermont. He’ll be a pitcher on the Cadets baseball team in the spring of 2022.

“I’m really looking forward to being a pitcher on the Norwich baseball team next year. Standing on the mound is one of my favorite things to do,” Talbot said. “I was also interested in the engineering program at Norwich.”

The last member of the Pathfinder baseball team to play college baseball was Andrew Roman. He’s a senior pitcher on this year’s Salve Regina University baseball team, which qualified for the NCAA Division 3 tournament.

Swift allowed seven runs on nine base hits in his senior night start against Franklin Tech (6-4), who also defeated Pathfinder, 10-0, in the season opener.

Talbot allowed the two base runners that he inherited in the fifth inning to score, which gave the Eagles a 7-3 lead.

The Pioneers, who had scored all three of their runs in the second inning with the help of four errors, put

four more runs on the rightfield scoreboard in the bottom of the fifth.

The scoring spree began with an RBI single to right field by junior second baseman Jeremy Bouthiller, who’s father, Paul, is the Pioneers first-year head coach. Then Swift hit a chopper up the middle into center field for his second hit of the game putting runners at the corners. A double to right field by junior leftfielder Cameron Zoto drove home both runners slicing the deficit to 7-6. The tying run scored on an RBI single to center by sophomore third baseman Jason Swistak, who had a team-leading three base hits.

The Pioneers left two runners in scoring position in the sixth inning. Talbot singled leading off the bottom of the seventh before stealing second base. He was stranded there as the next three batters struck out.

Talbot, who recorded seven strikeouts, managed to keep the ballgame tied in the sixth and seventh innings before allowing the go-ahead run to score with two-outs in the top of the eighth.



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Michael Mayberry pitches for the Panthers.



Liam Hedspeth fields a ground ball.



Tim Cassavechia makes a throw to first.

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With two outs in the top of fifth inning, Luke Hedspeth knocked home a pair of runs with a double to right field.

Monson added two more runs in that inning when senior centerfielder Danny Fiester, who singled, scored on a wild pitch and the other run scored on a throwing error.

Meanwhile, Yesu only allowed a pair of singles to sophomore Dom Allen and senior second baseman Tim Cassavechia during the first three innings. The Panthers’ hardest hit ball of the game was a two-out triple down the right field line by senior first baseman Nathan Oliveira with two outs in the bottom of the fourth.

Trailing 6-0, the Panthers ended Yesu’s shutout bid in the next inning.

Sophomore third baseman Ty Miller sprayed a single to right field leading off the inning and crossed the plate on an RBI single by junior shortstop Chance Lee.

The Mustangs added three more runs in their final at-bats on a bloop single by Luke Hedspeth, a groundball out



Cam Daniels fires a throw to first.

by senior first baseman Cole Johnson, and a sacrifice fly by junior left fielder Jaden Nava.

Yesu, who threw a total of 105 pitches, struck out six of the final seven batters that he faced.

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## Athlete of the Week

### Trey Yesu

Monson High School

Yesu picked up the win for Monson over rival Palmer last week. It was the first career varsity start for Yesu. To nominate someone for Athlete of the Week, contact Managing Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at 413-283-8393 ext. 258 or send an e-mail to [gscibelli@turley.com](mailto:gscibelli@turley.com).

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Frederick J. and  
Barbara J. (Sabourin) Labombard

A memorial for Frederick J. and Barbara J. (Sabourin) Labombard will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, June 5, at St. Thomas the Apostle Cemetery in Palmer. Family and friends may gather there.  
Fred passed away on Aug. 19, 2020, at age 82 and his wife of 60 years Barb passed away on Jan. 18, 2021, at age 80.  
Fred was born to Catherine and George Labombard on March 19, 1938, in Ware. He was predeceased by his parents; his son Keith, and his three brothers, Robert Smith, George and Gilbert Labombard.  
Fred is survived by his sis-



ter-in-law Theresa Labombard. Barbara was the daughter of Leonard and Stella Sabourin. She was born in Tupper Lake, N.Y., on July 16, 1940. She is predeceased by her parents, her son Keith and brother Francis Leonard. She is survived by her sisters Frances Ogren of Monson, Mary Brodeur (Raymond)

of Palmer, and Martha Greene (Patrick) of Wilmington, N.C.; and a brother Edward Sabourin (Sharon) of Indian Orchard.  
Fred and Barb are survived by their son Kevin (Susanne) Labombard. They leave many nieces and nephews.  
They spent the first 50 years of marriage in Palmer before retiring to Daytona Beach, Fla. Fred was active in the Palmer Youth Football Program, loved the Patriots, deep sea fishing and golf. Barb spent her time knitting, reading and caring for her dogs.

Alice R. Piechota

BELCHERTOWN — Alice (Roberts) Piechota, 91, passed away peacefully at her residence on Saturday, May 29, 2021. Daughter of the late Wallace A. and Lottie Mae (Smart) Roberts, she was born in Palmer on June 5, 1929. After graduating high school, Alice worked diligently at Friendly's in Ware to put herself through beauty school, eventually owning her own salon, Alice's Beauty Shop, Thorndike Street in Palmer. In addition to owning and operating her Beauty Shop, she worked many jobs, one of her proudest accomplishments besides her family was in her later years she enrolled in a graphic arts program at Holyoke Community College and got a job at Turley Publications. She loved her job and everyone there. She worked in to her eighties before finally retiring. Alice loved to do arts and crafts, she especially loved to do toll and decorative painting. She used to love polka dancing and would travel all over New England with her husband John following their favorite polka bands. They also loved Cape Cod, one her favorite times was a family trip when they took her and John driving through the sand dunes and on to the beach for a cookout. Alice loved fam-



ily visits and holidays. She loved her trips to the Quabbin with her niece Janie and her stop after at McDonald's for her favorite meal, a cheeseburger! In 2019 she moved in to Christopher Heights Assisted Living in Belchertown. She loved decorating her new apartment and quickly made friends with the residents and the staff there. She loved to play cards, especially pitch with her best friend, Ann Genero, and her visits with her dear friends, Bob and Ruth Wordsworth. She even started playing bingo, which she said she'd never do! She loved everyone there and they loved her! Alice will be dearly missed by all who knew her, including her loving children John Piechota Jr and his wife Dominique of Bondsville, Michael Piechota of Wales, Catherine Reim and her husband David of Palmer, and Frank Piechota and his wife Tammy of Thorndike; her grandchildren John Piechota III, Benjamin Reim, Michael Piechota, Brandon Reim, Alex Piechota; her great grandchildren Sean Piechota and Hannah Reim; many nieces and nephews; as

well as many other extended family members and friends. In addition to her parents, Alice was predeceased by her husband, John, in 2001 and her son Michael's wife, whom she adored, Nancy Piechota, in 2002; and her three brothers Edward, Wallace and Earl. Visitation will be Friday, June 4 from 9:30-10:30am at Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home, 1475 N. Main St. prior to Alice's Funeral Mass in St. Thomas the Apostle Church at 11:00am Rites of Committal and Interment to follow in St. Thomas Cemetery.  
The family would like to thank all of the staff at Christopher Heights for their compassionate care and kindness Alice and her family received.  
In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children by visiting <https://donate.loveto-therescue.org/> or to a charity of one's choice.  
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Entomologist to host program on conservation

SPRINGFIELD — The Springfield Garden Club will host a program presented by entomologist and author Doug Tallamy on Wed., June 16 at 7 p.m. The event will be virtual and will be accessible via Zoom.  
"The Springfield Garden Club has been encouraging our members, our neighbors and our city officials to "Go Native" but many have been taking it on faith without a full understanding of why it is so crucial. By appealing to the widest audience possible, we hope to raise the awareness of the public as well as help them to be part of the solution," explained Club president Beate Bolen.  
Tallamy's program will focus on the information in his book "Nature's Best Hope" but will also touch on related areas. Recent headlines about global insect declines and three billion fewer

birds in North America are a bleak reality check about how ineffective our current landscape designs have been at sustaining the plants and animals that sustain us. Such losses are not an option if we wish to continue our current standard of living on Planet Earth.  
The good news is that none of this is inevitable. Tallamy will discuss simple steps that each of us can, and must, take to reverse declining biodiversity and will explain why we, ourselves, are nature's best hope. The program will include a question-and-answer segment.  
Doug Tallamy is the T. A. Baker Professor of Agriculture in the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware, where he has authored 104 research publications and has taught insect related courses for 40 years. Chief among his

research goals is to better understand the many ways insects interact with plants and how such interactions determine the diversity of animal communities.  
The program is open to the public as well as club members via Zoom. Tickets for in-person guests are \$12.50 and are available at EventBrite.com. For more information on this and other Springfield Garden Club events go to [www.gcfm.org/springfieldgardencub](http://www.gcfm.org/springfieldgardencub) or visit them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Springfield-MAGarden-Club/>.

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Schools

Palmer schools Kids Corner child development program approved

By Jonah Snowden  
[jsnowden@turley.com](mailto:jsnowden@turley.com)

PALMER — The Palmer School Committee approved the development of a Kids Corner Child Development program at a recent meeting.  
Palmer Public Schools Director of Finance and Operations Amanda Babinski said an early experiment with a Kids Corner was successful enough that the district wants to keep going.  
"We actually opened for a short time, while we were hybrid for a couple of weeks, before students returned to in-person learning," Babinski said.  
"We have supported preschool students throughout this time as well. One of the things we talked about is because we sort of have the framework in place now for a program during the day where we would like to offer an early childhood development program for children aged three to five who are enrolled in our current preschool program."

Babinski also said the district wants to offer more options for students who are not in need of special services.  
"We found in our community it is often hard to get students to enroll in the preschool program unless they are in need of services," Babinski said.  
"Primarily because we're finding more and more families need a full day of childcare and this could be an opportunity for them to still enroll in the preschool program and then in off hours they would attend Kids Corner.  
What the students will be focusing on in the program include language milestones, hand and finger movement skills and other related exercises. After Babinski finished explaining the program, committee Vice Chair Gary A. Blanchette asked how many kids would need to be enrolled to keep it viable. Babinski's answer was at this point, they would try to stay under eight students for year one.

When committee member Joseph Nompleggi asked if year one would be considered an experiment, Babinski said they have tossed around the idea of a full-day preschool program and they think they are close to accomplishing this goal — but not yet.  
"While we have the framework in place, it would be a really good idea to sort of test the waters and keep going with what we've been successful doing this year," Babinski said.  
After Committee Chair Bonny A. Rathbone asked if there will be enough staff available for the program, Babinski said there will be. Also, at least two high school students will be assisting while completing their School-To-Career internships in this program.  
The vote to approve the Kids Corner Child Development Program was motioned by committee member Charles Baker, seconded by Blanchette and then unanimously approved.

Police/Fire

Police Logs

PALMER

The Palmer Police Department responded to 391 calls and made six arrests or summons for arrests May 25-June 1. Those arrested will appear at the Palmer District Court and are innocent until proven guilty:

Friday, May 28

Daniel Srodulski, 34, of 1010 Prospect St., Three Rivers, was arrested 9:37 p.m., on Sykes Street in Three Rivers, on charges of operating under the influence of liquor (second offense); negligent operation of a motor vehicle and a marked lanes violation.

Monday, May 31

Dennis Marsh, 37, of 72 Flynt St., Palmer, was arrested at 10:49 p.m., on Thorndike Street in Palmer, for operating under the influence of liquor.

Fire Logs

PALMER

The Palmer Fire Department responded to seven calls May 25-30:  
On Tuesday, May 25, at 1:04 p.m., the department responded to a call, requesting medical assistance on High Street in Thorndike. The department returned to service at 2:15 p.m.  
On Tuesday, May 25, at 3:36 p.m., the department responded to a structure fire on Bliss Street in Monson. The department returned to service at 4:30 p.m.  
On Thursday, May 27, at 10:07 a.m., the department responded to a call, requesting medical assistance on Beech Street. The department returned to service at 10:47 a.m.  
On Saturday, May 29, at 6:24 p.m., the motor vehicle accident on Main Street. The department returned to service at 7:28 p.m.  
On Sunday, May 30, at 11:48 a.m., the department responded to a call, requesting medical assistance on Olney Road. The department returned to service at 12:30 p.m.  
On Sunday, May 30, at 12:30 p.m., the department responded to a call, requesting medical assistance on South Main Street. The department returned to service at 1:06 p.m.  
On Sunday, May 30, at 3:13 p.m., the department responded to a call, requesting medical assistance on North Main Street. The department returned to service at 3:30 p.m.

Street. The department returned to service at 1:35 p.m.  
On Tuesday, May 25, at 3:48 p.m., the department responded to a motor vehicle accident on Sykes Street. The department returned to service at 4:39 p.m.  
On Friday, May 28, at 2 p.m., the department responded to a motor vehicle accident on Wilbraham Street. The department returned to service at 2:15 p.m.

BONDSDVILLE

The Bondsville Fire Department responded to one call May 25-31:  
On Sunday, May 30, at 9:54 p.m., the department responded to a call, requesting medical assistance on Main Street. The department returned to service at 10:15 p.m.

MONSON

The Monson Fire Department responded to eight fire calls and 22 EMS calls May 24-29:  
On Monday, May 24, at 5:58 a.m., the department responded to the village on Bondsville to provide mutual aid for a structure fire.  
On Monday, May 24, at 6:48

a.m., the department responded to a motor vehicle accident on Wilbraham Road. The department returned to service at 7:21 a.m.  
On Tuesday, May 25, at 3:28 p.m., the department responded to structure fire on Bliss Street. The department returned to service at 4:52 p.m.  
On Tuesday, May 25, at 6:39 p.m., the department responded to a fire alarm activation on Waid Road. The department returned to service at 8:00 p.m.  
On Wednesday, May 26, at 7:42 p.m., the department responded to three storage trailers on fire on Silver Street. The department returned to service at 11:56 p.m.  
On Wednesday, May 26, at 7:42 p.m., the department responded to a flooded basement on Bogan Road. The department returned to service at 8:44 p.m.  
On Friday, May 28, at 1:21 p.m., the department responded to a fire alarm activation on Town Farm Road. The department returned to service at 1:30 p.m.  
On Sunday, May 29, at 3:12 a.m., the department responded to a fire alarm activation on Hampden Avenue. The department returned to service at 3:21 a.m.

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# Public notices

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
BONDVILLE FIRE AND WATER DISTRICT  
OF THE TOWN OF PALMER  
SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING  
FY2021  
Hampden, ss.**

**Bondville, Massachusetts**  
To: Rosalie J. Lopes,  
Clerk of the Bondsville Fire and Water District of the Town of Palmer:

Greetings:  
In the name of all Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby proposed to notify and warn all the qualified voters of the Bondsville Fire and Water District of the Town of Palmer to meet at BONDVILLE FIRE AND WATER DISTRICT COMPLEX in the Village of Bondsville, on TUESDAY, the 29th day of JUNE, at SEVEN o'clock in the evening, to act on the following articles.

**Article 1.** To choose a Moderator to preside at this meeting.

**Article 2.** To see if the District will vote to transfer any sums of money from certified free cash to reduce the Fiscal Year 2022 tax levy or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 3.** To see if the District will vote to transfer any sums of money from certified free cash to fund the upgrade of the electrical system in the Water Department Office or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 4.** To see if the District will vote to transfer any sums of money from certified free cash to fund the purchase of battery powered extrication equipment or take any action relative thereto.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy thereof in two or more public places in the Village of BONDVILLE, in said Palmer, not less than fourteen days before holding of said meeting in a newspaper published in Palmer.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings hereon, before holding of said meeting.

*Given under our hand this 25TH day of MAY, 2021.*

WATER COMMISSIONERS  
OF BONDVILLE FIRE  
AND WATER DISTRICT OF  
THE TOWN OF  
PALMER,  
MASSACHUSETTS  
David E. LaVallie, Chairman  
06/03/2021

**PALMER  
CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION  
PUBLIC MEETING  
NOTICE**

In accordance with the Wetland Protection Act of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Chapter 131, Section 40, and the Town of Palmer Wetlands Ordinance, Chapter 168, the Palmer Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting on **Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 7:00 PM** on the application of Camp Ramah in New Englad of 1206 Boston Providence Highway, Suite 201, Norwood, MA 02062.

The applicant is requesting a determination to see if the work associated with the relocation of a gas water heater and construction of a shed is subject to the MA Wetlands Protection Act and the Town of Palmer Wetlands Protection Ordinance. The work will occur within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bank of Pattaquattic Pond.

The location of the proposed project is 39 Bennett Street, Palmer MA 01069 and is also known as: Assessor's Map 36-701.

Donald Blais, Jr., Chair  
Palmer Conservation Commission  
06/03/2021

**PALMER  
TOWN COUNCIL  
FY22 BUDGET HEARING**

The Palmer Town Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed FY22 Budget for the Town of Palmer, all departments, on **Monday, June 14, 2021 at 6:30 PM** at the Town Administration Building, 4417 Main St. Palmer (Thorndike), MA 01069.

Anyone interested in being heard should appear at the time and place designated above.

Palmer Town Council  
06/03/2021

(SEAL)  
**COMMONWEALTH  
OF MASSACHUSETTS  
LAND COURT  
DEPARTMENT OF THE  
TRIAL COURT  
Docket Number:  
21 SM 000523  
ORDER OF NOTICE**

TO:  
John H. Lindsey  
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq.)

**U.S. Bank Trust  
National Association,  
as Trustee of the Chalet  
Series IV Trust**  
claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering

real property in Holland, 25 Stagecoach Road, given by John H. Lindsey and Jacalyn E. Lindsey to Bank of America, N.A., dated September 30, 2003, and recorded at the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 13699, Page 80, has/ have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant' s/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **7/5/2021** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, **Gordon H. Piper**, Chief Justice of this Court on 5/19/2021

Attest:  
**Deborah J. Patterson**  
Recorder  
06/03/2021

**LEGAL NOTICE  
MORTGAGEE'S SALE  
OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Joseph Martowski to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for IndyMac Bank, F.S.B., dated April 6, 2006 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 15819, Page 239 (the "Mortgage"), as affected by a Foreclosure Deed dated July 8, 2009, and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 17928, Page 53 of which mortgage Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee of the Home Equity Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Trust Series INABS 2006-C, Home Equity Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates Series INABS 2006-C under Pooling and Servicing agreement dated June 1, 2006 is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for IndyMac Bank, F.S.B., its successors and assigns to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, solely as Trustee and not in its individual capacity for the Home Equity Mortgage Trust,

Series INABS 2006-C under the pooling and servicing agreement dated June 1, 2006 dated June 5, 2009 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 17928, Page 49, and Foreclosure Deed from Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, solely as Trustee and not in its individual capacity for the Home Equity Mortgage Trust, Series INABS 2006-C under the pooling and servicing agreement dated June 1, 2006 to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, As Trustee For Home Equity Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Trust Series Inabs 2006-C, Home Equity Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates Series Inabs 2006-C under Pooling and Servicing agreement dated June 1, 2006 dated July 8, 2009 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 17928, Page 53, and Assignment from Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, solely as Trustee and not in its individual capacity for the Home Equity Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Trust, Series INABS 2006-C under pooling and servicing agreement dated June 1, 2006 to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee of the Home Equity Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Trust Series INABS 2006-C, Home Equity Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates Series INABS 2006-C under Pooling and Servicing agreement dated June 1, 2006 dated April 24, 2013 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 19803, Page 281, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 3030 Main Street, Bondsville (Palmer), MA 01009 will be sold at a Public Auction at **12:00 PM on June 23, 2021**, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land, with buildings thereon situate in the village of Bondsville in said Palmer, known and designated as Lot No. 13 (thirteen) on a plan of land in said Bondsville owned by Bondsville, Realty, Inc. Dated December 5, 1942, duly recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book of Plans 21 Page 100, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning as a stone bound in the westerly side line of Main Street at the southeasterly corner of land now or formerly of Anna Leach, thence running S. 88 51' W. Along said land now or formerly of Anna Leach seventy (70) feet to a point; thence running

NORTHEASTERLY along a bank and along land now or formerly of the Bondsville Realty, Inc., one hundred sixty-eight (168) feet to a point; thence running

S. 81 09" E. Along last named land thirty-six (36) feet to a point in the Westerly line of Main Street; thence running

S. 8 51" W. Along the westerly line of Main Street; (50) feet to a stone bound; thence running

S 16" 30" W. Along said westerly side line of Main Street ninety-nine and 93/100 (99.93) feet, to the point of beginning, said lot containing 7,7000 square feet, more or less.

TOGETHER with and SUBJECT to pipe and drainage rights of record insofar as the same may be in force and applicable.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 15819, Page 235.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

**Terms of the Sale:** Cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the

time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

**Other terms to be announced at the sale.**

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee of the Home Equity Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Trust Series INABS 2006-C, Home Equity Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates Series INABS 2006-C under Pooling and Servicing agreement dated June 1, 2006

Korde & Associates, P.C.  
900 Chelmsford Street  
Suite 3102  
Lowell, MA 01851  
(978) 256-1500  
Martowski, Joseph,  
20-037534  
05/27, 06/03, 06/10/2021

**LEGAL NOTICE  
MORTGAGEE'S  
SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by David D. Perkins and Sherry R. Perkins to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp., dated April 25, 2008 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 17270, Page 496 (the "Mortgage"), as affected by a Loan Modification Agreement dated November 27, 2012, and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 19868, Page 517, and further affected by a Loan Modification Agreement dated June 8, 2016, and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 21240, Page 411, and further affected by a Loan Modification Agreement dated January 12, 2018, and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 22362, Page 89 of which mortgage Selene Finance LP is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., its successors and assigns to Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP FKA Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP dated April 19, 2012 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 19221, Page 577, and Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp., its successors and assigns to Selene Finance LP dated April 15, 2015 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 20681, Page 195, and Assignment from Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP to Selene Finance LP dated May 16, 2017 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 21686, Page 600, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 21 Wilbraham Road, Monson, MA 01057 will be sold at a Public Auction at **12:00 PM on June 15, 2021**, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land in Monson, Hampden County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pipe in the Northerly line of the Monson Wilbraham Road at its intersection with the Westerly line of the road leading to the house of one Hasenjager, and running thence

N. 4" 30' W. on line of said road leading to Hasenjager's 104 feet to an iron pipe at land now or formerly of Alfred D. Maynard et ux, thence

West 109.5 feet to an iron pipe; thence

Southeasterly 136.33 feet to an iron pipe in the Northerly line of said Monson-Wilbraham Road; thence

N. 70° 15' E. on said Wilbraham Road 100 feet to the place of beginning.

Subject to all easements, rights of way, and other restrictions of record in force an applicable.

For title, see deed to David D. Perkins and Sherry R. Perkins recorded with said Deeds in Book/Volume 10452, Page 596.

Property Address:  
21 Wilbraham Road  
Monson, MA 01057

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 10452, Page 596.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

**Terms of the Sale:** Cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

**Other terms to be announced at the sale.**

Selene Finance LP  
Korde & Associates, P.C.  
900 Chelmsford Street  
Suite 3102  
Lowell, MA 01851  
(978) 256-1500  
Perkins, David D.,  
20-036603  
05/20, 05/27, 06/03/2021

**TOWN OF PALMER  
INVITATION FOR BIDS  
FY22 ANNUAL ROAD  
MATERIALS &  
SERVICES**

The Town of Palmer will receive bids for furnishing road materials and services as needed for the period from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Upon mutual agreement, the contract for services may be extended for up to two additional one year periods. Specifications and bid forms may be picked up at the Town of Palmer, Office of the Town Manager, 4417 Main Street, (Thorndike), Palmer, MA. Bids are to be submitted addressed to the Town Manager and marked "FY 22 Bid for Annual Road Materials and Services". Bids will be received at the Office of the Town Manager until **2:00 PM, Monday, June 14, 2021** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Town Hall, Town Manager's Office. Contractors are required to comply with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Labor and Industries Prevailing Wage Rates in accordance with MGL, Chapter 149, Sections 26 and 27D. Contractors desiring to bid on liquid asphalt, milling and crack sealing must have Mass DOT pre-qualification. A 5% bid bond is required on all bids. The Town of Palmer reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in the best interest of the Town.

Ryan McNutt  
Town Manager  
06/03/2021

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
LAND COURT  
DEPARTMENT OF THE  
TRIAL COURT  
DOCKET NO  
21 SM 000538  
ORDER OF NOTICE**

TO: Michael A. Robare;  
Cynthia E. Robare  
and to all persons enti-

tled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq):

The Bank of New York Mellon Fka The Bank Of New York, As Trustee For The Certificateholders Of The Cwabs Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-21

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Palmer, numbered 95 Rondeau Street, given by Michael A. Robare and Cynthia E. Robare to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as a nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., dated December 20, 2006, and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 16410, Page 439, as affected by a Reformation Order dated March 8, 2021, and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 23812, Page 285, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/ Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property **on that basis**, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MS 02108 on or before **7/12/2021** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, **GORDON H. PIPER** Chief Justice of this Court on 5/26/2021.

Attest:  
**Deborah J. Patterson**  
Recorder  
06/03/2021

**Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts  
Annual Meeting  
June 16, 2021  
Warrant  
Thorndike Fire & Water  
Hampden, ss  
Clerk of Thorndike Fire & Water District**

Greetings  
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Thorndike Fire & Water District herein after qualified to vote in the affairs of the said District to meet at the District Office at 4064 Church Street in the Village of Thorndike, in the Town of Palmer, in said District, **Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.** to act on the following articles:

**Article 1**

To choose a moderator by vote to preside at said meeting.

(Moderator)

**Article 2**  
To choose by ballot the following officers:

For the term of three (3) years: One (1) Water Commissioner

For the Term of one (1) year: One (1) District Clerk

**Article 3**

To review the reports of the Treasurer, Secretary, Water Commissioners, Special Committees, Superintendent, and to act upon the same.

**Article 4**

To determine by vote whether the District shall appropriate and raise by taxation such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the District for the ensuing fiscal year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

Recommended Amount \$395,855.38

**Article 5**

To determine by vote whether the District shall authorize the Treasurer to borrow money from time to time, subject to Water Commissioners' and Finance Committee approval, in anticipation of the revenue for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4 and the acts amendment thereof, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one (1) year in accordance with General Laws.

**Article 6**

To determine by vote whether the District

shall authorize the Water Commissioners to sell / discard any obsolete equipment and or supplies provided that they may reject any offer which they deem inadequate or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 7**

To determine by vote whether the District shall authorize the Treasurer, subject to Water Commissioners' and Finance Committee approval, to borrow money as permitted by law to meet any appropriations made or expenses incurred under any of the Articles of this Warrant.

**Article 8**

To change any word-ing referring to the Water Commissioner's salary to stipend.

**Article 10**

To determine by vote whether the District shall authorize the Water Commissioners to rent the empty two garage bays for future revenue.

*Given under this hand and seal on the 16th day of June 2021*

Water Commissioners of  
Thorndike Fire & Water  
District  
Ruth Curtin  
Helena Naglack  
Ralph Robak  
06/03/2021

**Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and  
Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-7758  
Docket No. HD21P0975EA  
Estate of:**

**Daniel Quattrocelli  
Date of Death: 02/21/2021  
CITATION ON  
PETITION FOR  
FORMAL  
ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Darrell Quattrocelli** of Brimfield, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Darrell Quattrocelli** of Brimfield, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised administration**.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

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UNDER THE  
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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: May 25, 2021

**Rosemary A Sacomani**  
Register of Probate  
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Partner to "flows"

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11. Diplomat

13. Hires

15. Hawaiian island

16. Set aflame

17. Very happy

19. Blue dye

21. Small terrier with short legs

22. One thousand cubic feet (abbr.)

23. Northern pike genus

25. Expression of annoyance

26. Female deer

27. Casella and Kellerman are two

29. Actor's lines to audience

31. Days (Spanish)

33. Close a person's eyes

34. Cloaked

36. Comedic actor

38. It's all around us

39. Neutralizes alkalis

41. Native people of New Mexico

43. No seats available

44. Famed "Air Music" composer

46. Fit of irritation

48. Psychic phenomena

52. Knicks' first-rounder

53. Seed used in cooking

54. "WandaVision" actress Hahn

56. Samples food

57. In a lucid way

58. Stair part

59. Adieus

CLUES DOWN

1. Type of moth

2. A Christian sacrament

3. It lends books to Bostonians (abbr.)

4. Turn away

5. Impersonal

6. Shortly

7. Indigenous Alaskans

8. Subtle difference of meaning

9. Sicilian city

10. Put in harmony

11. Administrative divisions

12. As happily

14. Horse mackerel

15. Muddy or boggy ground

18. Monetary unit of Italy

20. Construction site machine

24. 22

26. Tracts at the mouths of rivers

28. Earnings

30. Insect repellent

32. Runner-up

34. Musician

35. Serious or urgent

37. Esteemed one

38. Where rockers play

40. Work furniture

42. Greek prophetesses

43. Quantitative fact

45. Missing soldiers

47. Minute

49. This (Spanish)

50. Maintain possession of

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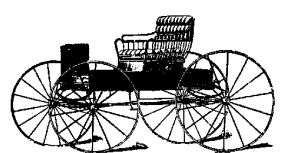
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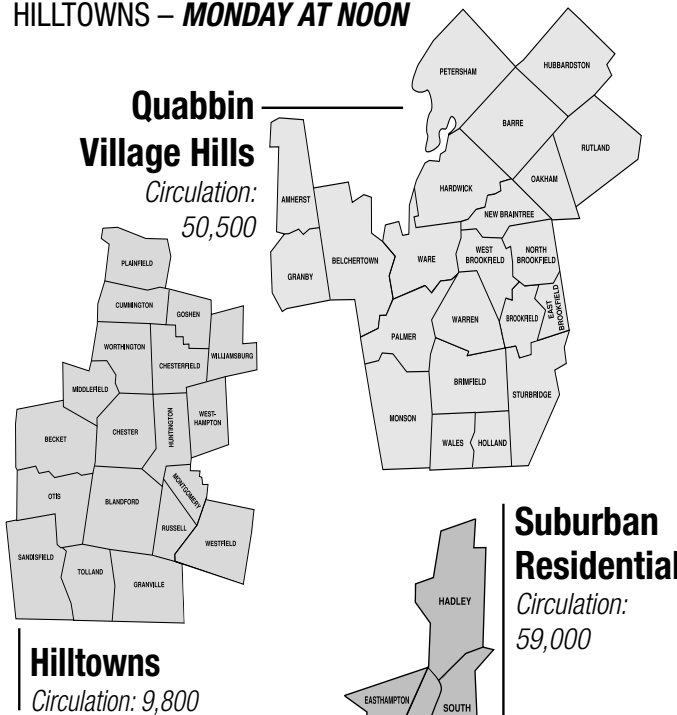
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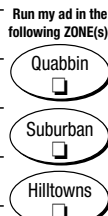
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# Palmer pays homage to our war dead



Residents cover their hearts during the "Pledge of Allegiance."



Local veterans present arms before firing a 21-gun salute during the playing of "Taps."



A young citizen learns about patriotism during the Palmer Memorial Day parade.



One of the more compact vehicles is driven by a tyke in the parade.



In typical parade tradition, float riders tossed candy or costume beads to the crowd.



Multicultural Club students toss candy to the crowd during the parade.

Photos special by Brett Miller and Sam Smiley

PALMER — For the first time since 2019, the town held a Memorial Day parade as a prelude to a somber program to honor war dead from Palmer and across the nation. The event was nearly canceled for a second consecutive year due to the pandemic, but as cases have plummeted during a vigorous effort to vaccinate the Commonwealth's population — Converse Middle School, where the program was held, is itself a regional vaccination site — town council members stitched commemoration together in just a couple of weeks.

The parade included groups representing local schools, youth sports, Scouting, and first responders as well as businesses and individuals. After the parade, a crowd gathered outside Converse Middle for a short program in which the meaning and symbolism of Memorial Day were explained, the names of local veterans who died during the past year were read out, and veterans fired rifles in salute to fallen service members while the Palmer High Marching Band played "Taps."

This is what the mid-morning program looked like:



Residents of all ages turned out on a drizzly cool Memorial Day for Palmer's parade.



The local Brownie Troop was among several Scouting organizations marching Monday.



Mason Cower (right) with his grandfather, Larry Swain, at the Palmer Memorial Day parade.



An arial view of Monday's Memorial Day parade.



Flags representing all the U.S. services branches, a helmet, boots, dog tags and a rifle are all important Memorial Day symbols, it was explained during the ceremony that followed the parade.



Local fire departments were well represented in Palmer's Memorial Day parade.



Members of the Palmer High Color Guard demonstrate their skills while marching.



Members of the Palmer High Marching Band perform at the Memorial Day ceremony.



Before performing at the Memorial Day ceremony, Palmer High's Marching Band marched in the parade.



Noah Lis sings "God Bless America" at the end of Palmer's Memorial Day Ceremony.



Dozens of adolescents and teens represented Scouting in Palmer's Memorial Day parade.

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